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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to congratulate you on the settlement that was reached with Microsoft in the antitrust case. Stand firm behind this settlement and do not allow for another day of legal action at the federal level. Microsoft is one of America's most important companies and a very large employer. This company has spent enough time in court.

The settlement is fair and equitable. It gives Microsoft's competition ample room to maneuver, and does so by broad, strong impositions on Microsoft, such as universal licensing agreements for hardware makers, contingent only on bulk sales, and limitations on contracts that guarantee a certain percentage of software sold.

Regrettably, opponents of the settlement portray this agreement as a concession to Microsoft. This portrayal is wrong. This settlement is very thorough and will require Microsoft to share more intellectual property information with competing companies than has ever been given out by a software company before. After three years in court, having spent millions of dollars and countless man-hours, Microsoft deserves to be let alone, especially since a good settlement is on the table.

Your work on behalf of the settlement and ending this case is greatly appreciated by many Americans. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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